

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 2028 - HB 2100**

February 17, 2018

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Creates an additional trial court in the 23rd judicial district (Cheatham, Dickson, Houston, Humphreys, and Stewart Counties).

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures – \$273,000/FY18-19  
\$297,800/FY19-20 and Subsequent Fiscal Years**

Assumptions:

- The proposed legislation creates an additional trial court in the 23rd judicial district.
- The Governor shall appoint a person to serve in the judgeship until the August 2020 election.
- The recurring salary and benefits for a trial judge are \$214,835 [\$176,377 salary + (\$176,377 x 0.1177) benefits + (\$127,200 maximum x 0.062) social security + (\$176,377 x 0.0145) Medicare + \$7,254.96 insurance].
- Additionally, the judge position will require recurring funding for supplies, travel, rent, utilities, legal subscriptions, etc., estimated to be \$27,000 per year, and one-time funding of \$23,000 for furniture, computer, software, other equipment, books, etc.
- The court will not be created until September 1, 2018.
- The expenditures relative to the judge in FY18-19 are estimated to be \$224,521 {[((\$214,835 + \$27,000) x 0.8333) + \$23,000]}.
- Each judge has a legal secretary who receives a salary of \$39,800.
- The recurring salary and benefits for a legal secretary are \$54,784 [\$39,800 salary + (\$39,800 x 0.1177) benefits + (\$39,800 x 0.0765) FICA + \$7,254.96 insurance].
- Additionally, the legal secretary position will require recurring funding for travel estimated to be \$1,200 per year, and one-time funding of \$1,800 for furniture, computer, software, other equipment, etc.
- The expenditures relative to the secretary in FY18-19 are estimated to be \$48,451 {[((\$54,784 + \$1,200) x 0.8333) + \$1,800]}.
- The total increase in state expenditures in FY18-19 is estimated to be \$272,982 (\$224,521 + \$48,451).
- The total recurring increase in state expenditures beginning in FY19-20 is estimated to be \$297,819 (\$214,835 + \$27,000 + \$54,784 + \$1,200).

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**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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